

# Briefly Told

In Buenos Aires there are nearly nine thousand children under 16 years of age employed at an average wage of 46 cents a day.

Because of the absence of crime in Huntington, Utah, the jail has been turned into a public library.

On February 22, two airplanes of the War Department will attempt to fly from coast to coast in 24 hours. The distance is 2,079 miles, between San Diego, California, and Jacksonville, Florida. Only two stops will be made during the flight.

It is said that Yellowstone National Park contains more geysers than are contained in the entire remainder of the earth's surface.

Motion pictures showing criminals in action have been barred in Chicago.

The wine cellar of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City is to be made over into a gymnasium.

The war reduced the French population by 4,000,000.

Philadelphia has established a separate court for dealing with bandits.

A Wichita, Kansas, minister sent his sermon to a half dozen cities recently by wireless telephone.

Mine timbers covered with a coating of magnesia cement are insured against fire.

A Nevada man while excavating for a large gasoline tank, in his garage uncovered a ledge of gold quartz at a depth of six feet running \$137.50 a ton.

Cotton seed was considered useless twenty years ago. Now it is the basis of a trade of three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Wireless apparatus with amplifiers will be used to transmit the voice of President Warren G. Harding to all parts of the United States and to ships at sea when he delivers his inaugural address March 4.

Asserting that the wealthy fox-hunting clubs of Philadelphia have imported foxes which have propagated so fast that thousands of dollars' worth of poultry is killed annually, the farmers in that vicinity intend to petition the legislature for action against the hunting clubs and foxes.

A seat in the New York Stock Exchange recently sold for \$90,000.

The Pennsylvania State College will inaugurate a course in cooking for men beginning with the second semester, February 1.

There are 500,000 college students, about one to every 212 persons in the United States.

The French Academy of Science has proved that the age of a picture can be infallibly calculated by use of X-rays. The old masters used mineral colors which can be penetrated by the rays while modern painters use vegetable colors which are impenetrable.

Canada is discussing the possibilities of the musk ox as a source of wool. In the Arctic region, east of the Mackenzie River, millions of these animals are to be found foraging and thriving on a pasturage which no other animal but the reindeer could live on.

The cost of running the government last year amounted to \$5,064,000,000, compared to \$11,728,000,000 the previous year.

To save several trains of cars from destruction from fire at the winter quarters of a circus in Bridgeport, Connecticut, recently, three elephants were pressed into service. The animals quietly pushed the trains out of danger and then returned to their quarters.

Bounties paid by Montana stock growers in the last seven years for the killing of predatory animals amounted to \$722,453.

The Chamber of Commerce of San Jose has adapted the motion picture to the need of impressing the people with the variety and importance of its activities and achievements during the past year.

French and Belgian military authorities are testing a super-long range gun which is estimated to be able to fire a shell two hundred miles.

Los Angeles has passed an ordinance prohibiting rentals in excess of 11 per cent of the gross investment on real estate and 16 per cent on furnishings.

A young man from a point near Harrisburg, Illinois, recently walked fifty miles to enlist in the United States Army.

The wild rubber plant is now the subject of experiments in Southern Arizona. It is hoped the ultimate result will have a decided effect in reducing the market price of rubber.

France plans to make over army material into civilian clothing to find work for 1,000,000 unemployed.

A man who recently died in Wheeling was rejected by a recruiting officer when he sought to enlist for the Civil War because of his advanced age at that time.

Ninety-seven per cent of Americans die without making a will.

Public school records indicate that at least four persons in every thousand stutter.

In Madison, Wisconsin, a motor truck delivering five hundred gallons of gasoline crashed into the curb and burst the tank. The gasoline flowed down the street and into the basement of a house where the flames from the furnace ignited the stream and following it back to the street, destroyed a motor car parked near by.

More people are killed and injured by tripping, slipping, and falling than from any other cause of accidents.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to prohibit smoking in all government buildings in Washington.

Two herds of elk have been preying upon the farmers near Newry, Pennsylvania. A party of sportsmen under direction of a game warden are driving them back into the mountains.

Investigation has proved, it is asserted, that one in every dozen prohibition agents is open to bribe. The investigation was undertaken by the Federal prohibition agent for the division of the southeast which embraces several of the southern states.

The territory of Hawaii will produce enough motor fuel for its own needs within two years. They would also be able to supply the requirements of the army and navy forces there, should their bases of supply be cut off. Commercial manufacture of fuel alcohol from sugar molasses has been made practicable on a large scale on the island of Maui.

Reports from the American consul in Belgium show that at the end of the first nine months of 1920 about 61,775 acres out of 148,260 acres of war-swept soil had been put into condition fit for cultivation.

The gas masks used in the United States Army are useless for mine rescue work and despite the warnings issued from Washington to this effect, miners and persons engaged in mine rescue work persist in using them, in many cases with disastrous results.

Statistics of women's colleges show that for a period covering sixty years the average college girl of today is an inch taller than the college girl of 1860. Statistics also prove the modern girl is about seven pounds heavier.

A Cincinnati bank has installed a target range in the basement. Bandits will find the employes ready to receive them should they decide to visit the bank.

About 12,500,000 acres of the new Czecho-Slovak republic are given over to forest cultivation. This is approximately 30 per cent of the republic's whole area.

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